

CLAIMS

1. An electronic equipment permitted to undergo operation control on the basis of timer reservation by user,

the electronic equipment comprising:

setting means for setting time designated by the user;

operation control means for controlling operation of the electronic equipment in accordance with time set by the setting means;

display means for displaying operation means for operating the electronic equipment;

display control means for controlling the display means so that when the electronic equipment is operative in accordance with the operation control means, specific display is carried out on the display means; and

designation detecting means for detecting designation of the user with respect to the specific display,

whereby when designation of the user is detected by the designation detecting means, the operation control means conducts a control such that the time set by the setting means is neglected and operation of the electronic equipment when the designation of the user is detected is continued.

2. The electronic equipment as set forth in claim 1,

wherein when designation of user is detected by the designation detecting means, the display control means completes that the specific display is carried out.

3. The electronic equipment as set forth in claim 1,
wherein the setting means sets at least end time of a predetermined operation of the electronic equipment.
4. The electronic equipment as set forth in claim 3,
wherein the operation control means is operative so that when designation of user is detected by the designation detecting means, a control is carried out such that even when current time passes over end time set by the setting means, the operation of the electronic equipment when the designation of the user is detected is continued.
5. The electronic equipment as set forth in claim 3,
wherein the setting means sets kind of operations of the electronic equipment and start time and end time thereof.
6. The electronic equipment as set forth in claim 5,
which further comprises:
memory means for storing data;
reproducing means for reproducing at least data stored with respect to the memory means; and
recording means for recording data with respect to the memory means,
wherein the setting means can select, as operation of the electronic equipment, either reproduction operation by the reproducing means or recording operation by the recording means.
7. The electronic equipment as set forth in claim 5,

which further comprises receiving means in which desired data can be downloaded from external source,

wherein the setting means can select down-load operation for down-loading data from the external source by the receiving means as the operation of the electronic equipment.

8. The electronic equipment as set forth in claim 1,

wherein when designation of user is detected by the designation detecting means, the operation control means can selectively conducts a control to neglect time set by the setting means and to continue operation of the electronic equipment when designation of the user is detected, or to cancel or nullify time set by the setting means and to stop operation of the electronic equipment.

9. An operation control method for an electronic equipment which is permitted to undergo operation control on the basis of timer reservation by user,

the method including:

a setting step of setting time designated by user;

an operation control step of controlling operation of the electronic equipment in accordance with the set time;

a display control step of controlling display means so that when the electronic equipment is operative, specific display is carried out;

a designation detection step of detecting designation of user with respect to the specific display; and

a step of conducting a control such that when designation of user is detected at the designation detection step, the set time is neglected and operation of the electronic equipment when the designation of the user is detected is continued.